

- (1) A comparison outlining the number of defendants in each district represented by public defenders and privately assigned counsel by type of offense;
- (2) An analysis of the average cost per defendant or case for each public defender program and a comparison of that average to payments made to privately assigned counsel in those districts;
- (3) An implementation plan for potential expansion of public defender programs to additional districts, including possible locations, a cost analysis of necessary personnel and equipment to operate the programs, and the estimate of savings to be realized in using those programs rather than providing for privately assigned counsel.

The Administrative Office of the Courts shall report the results of its study to the Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, the Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety, and the Indigent Fund Study Commission established in Section 16.5 of this act by April 1, 1999.

Requested by: Senator Gulley, Representatives Justus, Kiser, Thompson
REVISE RECIDIVISM REPORTING DATE

Section 16.2. G.S. 7A-675.3 reads as rewritten:

" 7a-675.3. *juvenile recidivism rates.*

(a) On an annual basis, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall compute the recidivism rate of juveniles who are adjudicated delinquent for offenses that would be Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felonies if committed by adults and who subsequently are adjudicated delinquent or convicted and shall report the statistics to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations by ~~December 31~~ February 15 each year.

(b) The Chief Court Counselor of each judicial district shall forward to the Administrative Office of the Courts relevant information, as determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts, regarding every juvenile who is adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony if committed by an adult for the purpose of computing the statistics required by this section."

Requested by: Senators Gulley, Ballance, Rand, Wellons, Representatives Justus, Kiser, Thompson, Redwine, Sexton, Smith

EXTEND SUNSET ON BAD CHECK PROGRAM/ADD WAKE COUNTY PILOT

Section 16.3. (a) Subsection (e) of Section 18.22 of S.L. 1997-443 reads as rewritten:

"(e) This ~~act~~ section becomes effective October 1, 1997, and expires June 30, ~~1998~~, 1999."

(b) Subsection (c) of Section 18.22 of S.L. 1997-443 reads as rewritten:

"(c) Of the funds appropriated to the Judicial Department for the 1997-98 fiscal year, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) shall be used to establish bad check collection pilot programs in Columbus, Durham, and Rockingham Counties.